

September 27, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Connect America Fund Phase I Round 2 Support Challenges**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Planters Communications, LLC ("Planters Comm.") hereby files these challenges to Windstream Corporation's ("Windstream") request to receive support in the second round of the Connect America Fund Phase I ("CAF Phase I Round 2") to provide broadband service to locations within the census blocks on the attached list. Planters Comm. currently provides or can provide within 7-10 days broadband service at or above 3 Mbps download, 768 kbps upload in the census blocks identified on the attached list. Planters Comm. respectfully requests that the Wireline Competition Bureau take into consideration the evidence provided herein as it makes its final determinations about which census blocks are ultimately eligible to receive CAF Phase I Round 2 support.

On August 28, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released a Public Notice (DA 13-1832) which instructed interested parties "to challenge price cap carrier's Phase I deployment plans by demonstrating that a block in question is already served by fixed Internet access with the requisite speeds."¹ The Public Notice included a list of all census blocks that the price cap carriers are requesting to receive CAF Phase I Round 2 support to provide broadband service. Planters Comm. has reviewed this list and identified census blocks that should not be eligible for CAF Phase I Round 2 support.

Planters Comm. hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that it provides or can provide within 7-10 days broadband service at or above 3 Mbps/768 kbps as a competitive local exchange carrier in the census blocks included in Attachment A. Planters Comm. provides supporting evidence in Attachment B.

Sincerely,



Stephen Milner
General Manager

cc: Ryan Yates, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

Attachments

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Publishes Census Blocks, and Commences Challenge Process, for Second Round of Connect America Fund Phase I WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 13-1832 (rel. August 28, 2013) ("August 28 Public Notice").

ATTACHMENT A

The following census blocks are identified in the August 28, 2013 Public Notice as census blocks that Windstream is requesting CAF Phase I Round 2 support for the deployment of broadband service, which Planters Comm. challenges and urges the FCC to determine that these census blocks are ineligible for CAF Phase I Round 2 support as Planters Comm. operates as a competitive local exchange carrier in these census blocks and can provide broadband service at or above 3 Mbps/768 kbps.

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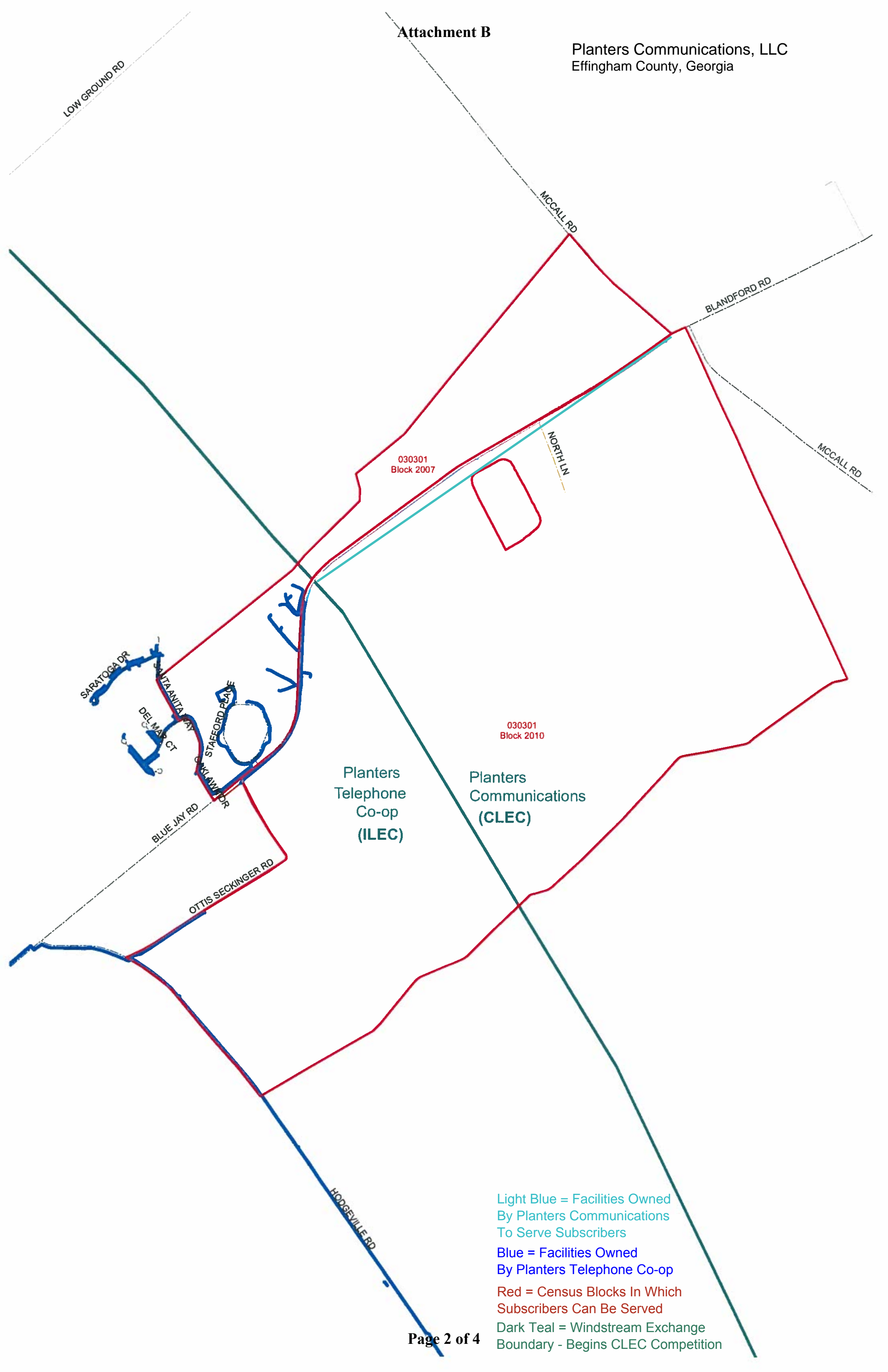
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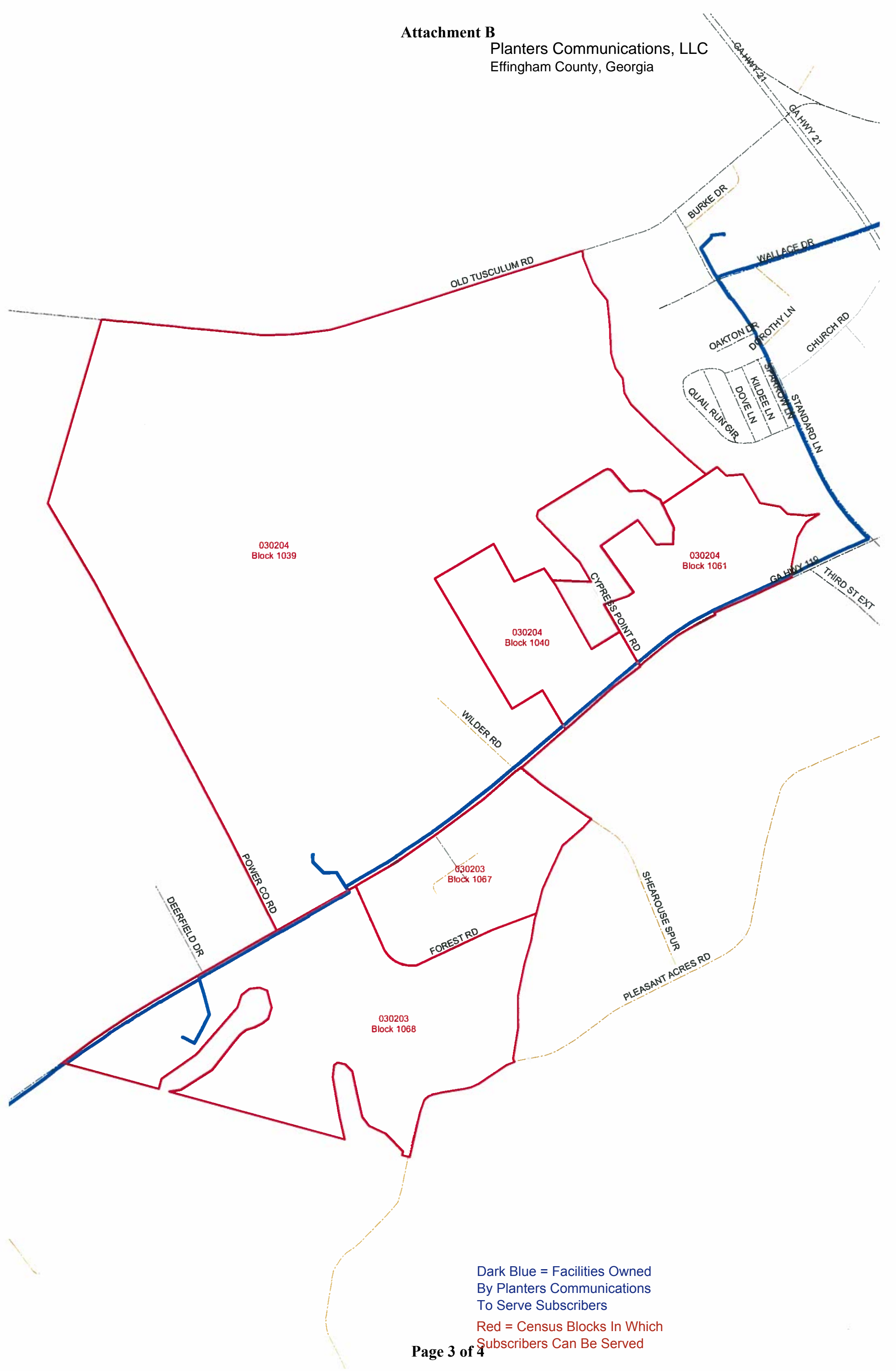
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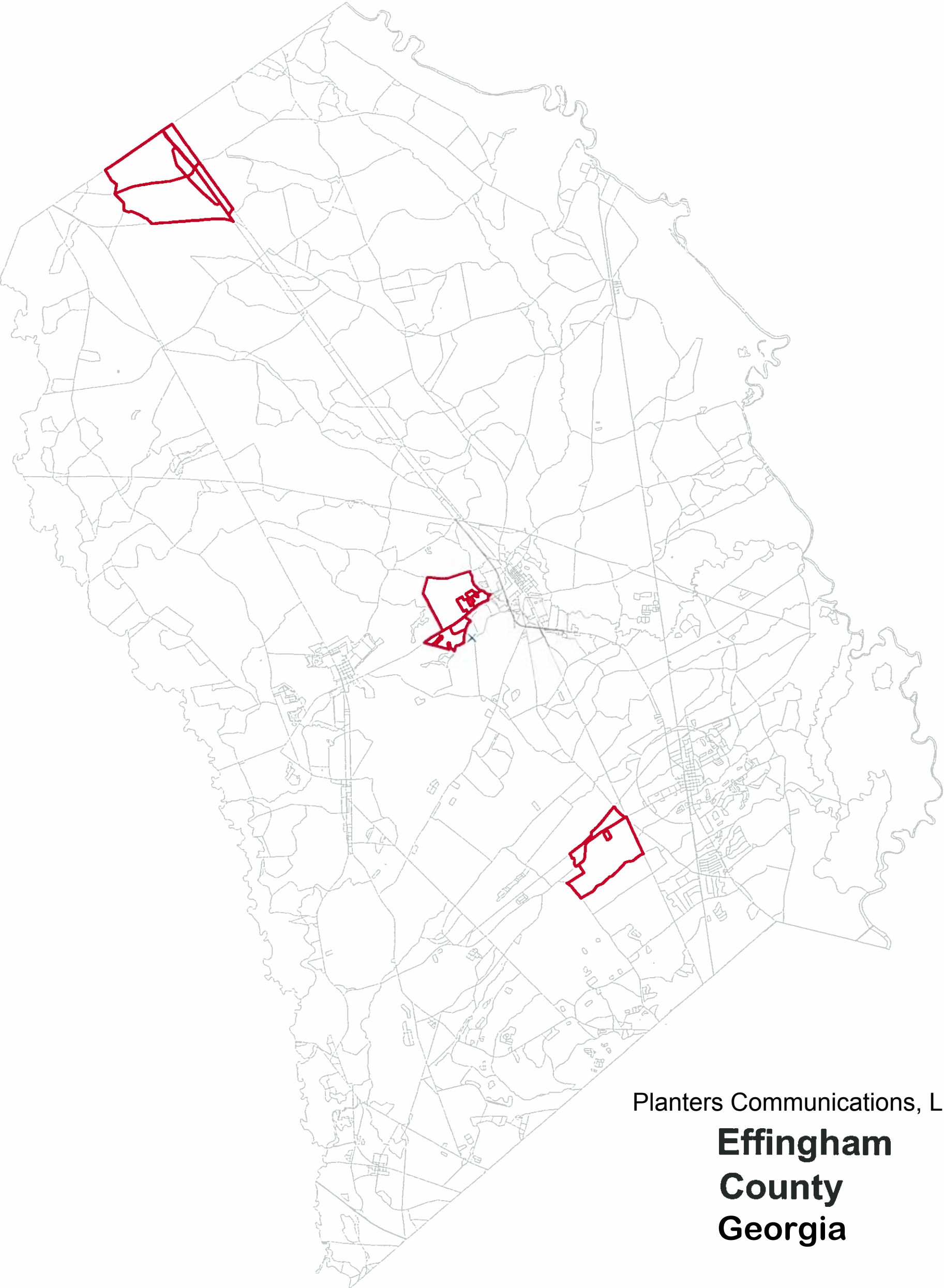
Pursuant to the rules for the challenge process established in the FCC's May 22 Report and Order, "All filings. . . must be supported by some form of documented evidence." Planters Comm. submits as evidence the following supporting documentation:

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- Grey (Dashed) = County Boundary
- Light Blue = Facilities Owned By Planters Communications To Serve Subscribers
- Dark Blue = (Within Red Census Block Boundary) Facilities Owned By Planters Communications To Serve Subscribers
- Red = Census Blocks In Which Subscribers Can Be Served







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